MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL ON 5TH MARCH, 2020

PRESENT-

Councillor G. Waugh – Chairman (In the Chair)

Co-optees

Officers in attendance

Councillors

Neil Watson Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager (Area Coordinator) Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V. Fletcher, P. Foxley and S. Petty and Inspector S. Boast.)

The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the items indicated –

Melanie Hartley	Enforcements/Unauthorised Uses- Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne	Minute 167(c)
David Cockburn- Price Margaret Parker	Enforcements/Unauthorised Uses - Development at land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne (The Rough)	Minute 167(d)

161. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

162. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

163.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

164. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

A verbal update was given on the issue raised by a local business owner relating to the hoarding around the site of the old health centre on Richmond Court and the negative impact this had had on his business.

Members were advised that, prior to the last meeting of this Committee, the developer had met with the business owner and assisted by funding a number of advertising signs for the business. Further meetings had also taken place.

Although there had been concern that the timescale for the building project had been extended, the Committee was informed that planning permission for the development of the site had been approved and the work was due to start very soon.

165.

POLICE ISSUES

No police issues were raised.

166.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined -

19/0948/ADV Advertisement Consent: Display of 1 no. illuminated screen at Pendle Leisure Centre, Crown Way, Colne for Pendle Leisure Trust

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update report which provided a complete list of proposed conditions.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions -

1. Notwithstanding the provision of Part 3 (Regulation 14) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 this consent shall expire three years from the date of the grant of consent

Reason: In order for the impact of this method of advertising on the highway network at this location to be determined.

2. The advertisements hereby permitted shall be displayed in accordance with the following approved plans: Location Plan, A - received 04/02/2020.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

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3. No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the land entitled to grant permission.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations.

4. No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to -

a) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);

b) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or

c) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations.

5. Any advertisement displayed, and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations.

6. Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a condition that does not endanger the public.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations.

7. Where an advertisement is required under these Regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

Reason: Condition imposed by the Regulations.

8. Between sunset and sunrise the intensity of the illumination of the display screen shall not exceed 300cd/m2 and between sunrise and sunset the intensity of the illumination of the display screen shall not exceed 600 cd/m2.

Reason: To avoid glare, dazzle or distraction to passing highway users.

9. The display screen shall be fitted with a light intensity monitoring sensor to ensure the illumination intensity is dimmable to take account of ambient light conditions and comply with the maximum recommended lighting intensity.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to avoid glare, dazzle or distraction to passing highway users.

10. The display screen shall not display any moving or apparently moving images, any change in advertisement display shall be 0.1 seconds or less and the complete display screen shall change without visual effects (including fading, swiping or other animated transition), the advertisements displayed shall not change more frequently than once every 10 seconds, and there shall be no fine grain material such as email address or telephone numbers.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety to avoid distraction to passing highway users.

REASON

The proposed advertisement is acceptable in terms of amenity and highway safety.

(b) Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which advised the Committee of one outstanding appeal, two new appeals and three appeal decisions.

167. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

(b) Hubbs House Farm, Colne

There was no further information to report on Hubbs House Farm, Colne.

(c) Persimmon Homes Site, Knotts Drive, Colne

A local resident reported a problem with water flowing down Knotts Drive during the weekend of storm Ciara, resulting in flooding to vehicles and properties on Deerwood Park. It was stated that the overflow of water had been caused by a blocked culvert and was believed to be the responsibility of the developer, Persimmon Homes. The resident reported that those concerned had contacted the developer at the time of the incident and had been advised to contact their own insurance company for compensation. This gave cause for concern as it was felt that this could lead to the area being deemed a flood risk.

In summary, the resident explained that those affected had been dissatisfied with the response of the developer and its failure to support the householders; were concerned that there would be another incident of this kind if the culverts were not maintained; and sought clarification on future liability once the development had been completed.

Councillor Nixon explained that he had also witnessed the flooding and believed that the blocked gullies on Knotts Drive had added to the problem. He stated that these were located on an adopted highway and were therefore the responsibility of Lancashire County Council (LCC).

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to seek clarification on the drainage arrangements for the site, adoption of the highways and future responsibility for the open water courses and culverts and report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

For clarification.

(d) Development at land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne (The Rough)

Local residents reported ongoing problems with the development at land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne, many of which had previously been discussed by this Committee. This included mud and damage to the roads/pavements and operating outside of the permitted hours.

The most recent problem was flooding at Lidgett Cottages. One resident reported that their kitchen had flooded on five occasions in the past six months. It was stated that the problems had started following excavation and removal of topsoil at the back of the properties. There was reports that the road was lifting too.

As referred to at the last meeting, it was felt that the developer had not responded adequately to complaints.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Committee write to the developer of land to the east of Windermere Avenue, Colne with regard to the issues raised;
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to seek clarification on the drainage arrangements for the site, adoption of the highways and future responsibility for the open water courses and culverts and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

For clarification.

168.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's capital programme for 2019/20 was £6,180.

169. TRAFFIC LIAISON MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 12th February, 2020 were submitted for information.

A discussion was held regarding the poor maintenance of the roads in Colne. It was felt that the general condition of the highways had steadily deteriorated over the years, particularly since LCC had taken back the responsibility for road and pavement repairs. It was explained that for many years LCC had provided funding to enable Pendle Council to provide the service on its behalf. Members felt that this system should be reintroduced.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the views of this Committee be relayed to Lancashire County Council.
- (2) That this be discussed further at a future meeting.

REASON

To address the deterioration of Pendle's highways.

170.

PROBLEM SITES

(a) **Problem Sites List**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area.

(b) Glenroy Community Centre, Glenroy Avenue, Colne

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider if any action was required with regard to Glenroy Community Centre, Glenroy Avenue, Colne. It was noted that overall, the building was in good condition and the site was relatively tidy. There was also planning permission in place for its conversion into residential use.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to contact the owner of Glenroy Community Centre, Colne.

REASON

To establish their plans for the site.

171.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Flooding at Knotts Drive, Colne

This issue had been considered at minute 167(c).

172. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF THE COLNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 6th February, 2020 were submitted for information.

173. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of Friends of Ball Grove held on 11th February, 2020 were submitted for information.

174. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by the Committee. A report would be submitted to a future meeting.

(a) Land off Laithe Street, Colne (07.03.19)

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175. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next item of business when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

176. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report, for information, which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.